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OPS Level 3 Briefing Note

Incident Number	22-17557
Update	63
Division	Central
Sector	23
Type of Incident	Freedom Convoy - CENOTAPH UPDATE
Location	Ottawa
Incident Date and Time	28/01/2022 13:29

Brief Synopsis

22:22hrs

Earlier today there were reports of fencing removed from the Cenotaph site. The fencing was taken down in an orderly manner and stacked neatly. The information we currently have is that the organizing group was not associated to the convoy protest and were actual Veterans who wanted to do maintenance and care at the site. They shoveled the grounds and placed flowers around the site. One of our officer's (a military veteran) engaged in pleasant conversation with the veterans who indicated that this should be a place accessible to all Canadians who wish to pay their respects and it should not be "caged" in. As such they are holding vigil to allow Canadians access while ensuring it remains a respected place.

PLT engaged with the truck organizers and they will not dissuade any attempt to replace the fence and they would also respect that area.

COT attended the area at my direction and their assessment from observing and listening is that any attempt at this point to remove the veteran and replace the fence would lead to conflict with the Veterans. I made initial inquiries with DND who indicated that this was not a matter for them. I have also been in discussion with Public works who are ready to replace the fence when requested. I have also been provided with a contact for Veteran's Affairs and have reached out for assistance and consultation on the matter and am awaiting a reply.

At this time I have not proceeded with the fence replacement because there is significant chance for conflict with veteran's group as a whole due to a tense situation. It could also serve as a justification for protesters to take action against officers.

The current situation at the monument is that it is very clean, in good shape and is under the protection of those for whom it stands. It is not currently being used by demonstrators in any fashion.

Units will continue to monitor the site and we will re-adjust our position as necessary.

Wellness And Health & Safety

Wellness Notified	N/A
Health & Safety Notified	N/A
Actions Taken	

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